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Via E-Mail

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Re: MUR 6898

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I serve as counsel to The New York State Democratic Committee and John Gulino, in his official capacity as Treasurer ("Respondents") and I am writing in response to the Commission's letter dated November 4, 2014 regarding the above referenced matter and enclosing a complaint from Laura N. Doukas.

In her complaint, Ms. Doukas alleges that Stonybrook University had made an illegal inkind contribution to the Bishop campaign by permitting the campaign to host a rally on its campus.

The entire gravamen of the complaint is that the University has somehow subsidized this event. The complaint is completely without merit. To the contrary, the University had every intention of recouping all costs for the event and had invoiced Respondents for the event on a timely basis, prior to the filing of the complaint in this matter.

Attached as Exhibit A to this response, please find an invoice received by the Respondents on October 30th from the University. Also attached as Exhibit B, please find a cancelled check for the amount of the invoice, payable to the University.

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For the reasons stated above, the Commission must find no reason to believe that Respondents have violated any provisions of the FECA and close the file in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Reiff

Counsel for the New York State Democratic Committee and John Mulino, in his official

capacity as Treasurer